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This week employees from our **public works departments** got together at our **new public works facility** to review plans and give ideas for the build out of the former 84 lumber location. **Facilities Management Director Brad Wilson** is overseeing the project with design services being provided by Tim Lamb of Lambe and Associates (We had Mr. Lambe out on site meeting with our City team the day after BOMA approved the design contract!). Over the next few weeks, they will be visiting the three existing locations of **Streets, Water and Fleet Management** to evaluate current operations and develop a future scope for the new facility. **Many great ideas were presented from employees and all will be reviewed for possible incorporation into the new facility.** Construction is estimated to begin in Fall of 2012. This facility will serve the City well for many years to come.

Last Friday the **Parks Department** hosted a workshop on **Initial Response to Terrorist Bombings**. **Kevin Lindsey, Facilities Superintendent, and Chief Shane Jenkins of the McMinn County Hazmat Team** arranged the session. Several staff members from almost every department participated in the training, plus other agencies within the County attended. Kevin, and others in our Parks



department, felt this class would really benefit many of the public works departments, as more often than not public works employees are the first on the scene and/or the first to notify public safety of a possible threat.

**The Franklin Fire Department is accepting applications for the 2012 Citizens' Fire Academy and employees are welcome to apply!** This is the Franklin Fire Department's 6th Annual Citizens' Fire Academy, March 22 – May 10, 2012. Ride along on real fire calls and inspections, perform vehicle extrication and search and rescue operations, learn CPR, ride in a platform at the top of a ladder truck, learn how to operate hose lines and other firefighting equipment, and during the course finale fight a live fire in the Franklin Fire Training Center's burn tower. Participants must live or work in the City of Franklin, be at least 21 years of age, and commit to attending seven of the eight classes. The group meets on Thursday evenings from 7 – 10 p.m. at the Franklin Fire Training Center on Century Court. As a graduate from Class #3, I can tell you is an interesting, informative and fun experience. Our Fire team does a great job in teach citizen more about what they do to project the lives and property of our citizens.

To apply, please visit the Franklin Fire Department's website at [www.franklintn.gov/fire](http://www.franklintn.gov/fire). For more information call (615) 791-3270 or email Captain Ben Marler at [benm@franklintn.gov](mailto:benm@franklintn.gov).

**Monique McCullough from the Communications Division is the winner for the Mayor's parking spot next week.** Sgt. Charles Warner of Franklin P.D. nominated Monique, he said, *"Monique is the constant smiling face recognized by staff, community partners, and event organizers as everything Franklin. She personifies the City's shared values: Excellence, Innovation, Teamwork, Action Oriented. To say that Monique does 'a good job' is an understatement, she does an exceptional job. Keep up the great work Monique!"* **Monique can begin parking in the Mayor's spot on Monday, January 30. Surely you have seen SOMEONE going above and beyond at work. If you have, nominate them at [agoodjob@franklintn.gov](mailto:agoodjob@franklintn.gov).**

The board of **Mayor and Aldermen** along with some members of the **leadership staff** will be taking a road trip bright and early tomorrow morning rolling by many of our top **Capital Investment Projects in the City**. This trip will enable them to view the locations and have a firsthand look at the work that needs to be done in our growing community.

Thanks for all you do for the City of Franklin! Have a great weekend.

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